

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

EDGARDO RODRIGUEZ,

Petitioner,

vs.

R.T.C. GROUNDS, Warden,¹

Respondent.

Case No: C 11-0935 SBA

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Following a jury trial in the Alameda County Superior Court, Petitioner Edgardo Rodriguez was convicted of first degree murder, as well as related offenses, special circumstances, and enhancement allegations. He was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole and currently is incarcerated at the Salinas Valley State Prison. Through counsel, Petitioner has filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. He alleges claims for (1) instructional error and (2) erroneous admission of expert testimony by a police officer. It does not appear from the face of the petition that it is without merit. Good cause appearing, the Court hereby issues the following orders:

1. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Order and the petition and all attachments thereto upon Respondent and Respondent's attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California. The Clerk shall also serve a copy of this Order on Petitioner's counsel of record: Paul Kleven, Esq., 1604 Solano Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707.

¹ R.T.C. Grounds, the current warden of the prison where Petitioner is incarcerated, has been substituted as Respondent, pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. Respondent shall file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner, within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this Order, an Answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued. Respondent shall file with the Answer a copy of all portions of the relevant state records that have been transcribed previously and that are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the petition.

3. If Petitioner wishes to respond to the Answer, he shall do so by filing a Traverse with the Court and serving it on Respondent within thirty (30) days of his receipt of the Answer. Should Petitioner fail to do so, the petition will be deemed submitted and ready for decision thirty (30) days after the date Petitioner is served with Respondent's Answer.


4. Respondent may file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner, within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this Order, a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an Answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. If Respondent files such a motion, Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on Respondent an opposition or statement of non-opposition to the motion within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt of the motion, and Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner a reply within fourteen (14) days of receipt of any opposition.

5. Petitioner must also serve on Respondent's counsel all communications with the Court by mailing a true copy of the document to Respondent's counsel.

6. Extensions of time are not favored, though reasonable extensions will be granted. Any motion for an extension of time must be filed no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the deadline sought to be extended.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 15, 2014


SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG
United States District Judge